

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: M. SEIKI et al.  
Appl. No.: Rule 60 Divisional  
of 08/448,489 Group: Unassigned  
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For: NOVEL METALLOPROTEINASE AND ENCODING DNA  
THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

October 13, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Line 17, after "monoclonal" insert --and polyclonal--